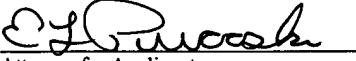


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**Appl. No.:** 10/706,832  
**Applicant(s):** Philip H. Spano et al  
**Filed:** November 12, 2003  
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**Art Unit:** 3653  
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**Docket No.:** DB000972-002

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

To: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on 2 July 2004 for the above-captioned application,  
enclosed is the following:

- Response and Amendment;
- Petition for a One Month Extension of Time;
- Fee Transmittal Form; and
- a check in the amount of \$110.00 as the requisite fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment  
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